



Latino & Latin American Space for Enrichment and Research (LASER) Mentoring Program

Purpose

With LASER Hubs across the city of Columbus and the use of Internet mentors serve as academic role models as well as bridge builders between Latinos in high school and Ohio State and our LASER partnership campuses, Otterbein, Kenyon, and Ohio Wesleyan University.

Graduate students and OSU graduates function as mentors and coordinators of hubs that interface OSU with Latino high school students in the community for academic coaching and college planning. FAFSA and College Credit Plus workshops and signature yearly events such as Latino Role Models Day build community between Latino students on and off campus as well as provide networking and research resources and opportunities to help students successfully apply and navigate college admission and financial aid.

Impact

Beginning with one high school and three mentees in Spring 2012, LASER currently runs mentoring hubs across Columbus that include Latino students from 47 different high schools.

LASER is expanding the number of Ohio Latino applicants to Ohio State and other area colleges and universities, and raising awareness of Latino talent pools in admissions at Ohio State and beyond.

Ohio State Colleges/Units Involved

Office of Diversity and Inclusion
Department of Spanish and Portuguese

Community Partners Involved

Centennial High School
Central Crossing High School
Columbus Downtown High School
Columbus International High School
Columbus State Community College
Dublin Jerome High School
Dublin Coffman High School
Dublin Scioto High School
Hamilton Township High School
Hayes High School
Hilliard Davidson High School
Orange High School
Pickerington High School North
South-Western Career Academy
The Charles School at
Ohio Dominican University
Thomas Worthington High School
Walnut Ridge High School
Westerville South High School
Westland High School
Whitehall-Yearling High School

“[My mentor] reviewed numerous essays I wrote for college applications ... suggested scholarships, helped in raising my ACT score from a 26 to a 30, aided in my successful admission.”
--MSP Distinction Scholar

How you can get involved:

- Volunteer to be a mentor
- Participate in Latino Role Models Day and other events

To get involved, contact:

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